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1. The Central Bohemian Chemical Works, National Enterprise, in Roudnice nad Labem N 50-25, E 14-157 produced ceramic dyes, glazings, and frits. Until the chemical industry was nationalized, the Roudnice plant was an independent firm, Fröhlich, Jermar & Co., Roudnice. In 1946, the plant was made a part of the United Chemical Works, Prague II, Stepanska 30, which in turn was under the Czechoslovak Chemical Works, National Enterprise. After the United Chemical Works was broken up, the Roudnice factory became an independent plant named the Central Bohemian Chemical Works, National Enterprise. The plant at Roudnice had two branch plants; one in Velvary N 50-14, E 14-157 and the other in Melnik N 50-21, E 14-297. These two branch plants were rather small, consisting of one building each where private businesses had formerly been engaged in the same work. The whole enterprise was directly under the Ministry of Chemical Industry in Prague II, Stepanska 30. 50X1
2. The Central Bohemian Chemical Works had two other small production buildings, both located in Prague VII. if these two installations still exist; it was planned to liquidate them. 50X1
3. The Roudnice plant was rather old and the exact year when the plant was built. All the buildings of the plant were two-story, about 60 m. long, with the exception of the boiler house and the administration building. There was no additional construction going on and I never heard of any plans for expansion at this plant. [See Annex A for location of plant; Annex B for plant layout.] 50X1

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4. The Roudnice plant was situated on the main Prague-Podmokly /N 50-46, E 14-12/ railroad line and was connected with this main track by its own siding into the railroad station of Roudnice. The plant was connected to the main highway by a road leading through Roudnice in the direction of Prague.
5. The three plants of the Central Bohemian Chemical Works produced ceramic dyes, frits and glazings, enamels for the pottery, tile, glass, and metal-enamelling industries, and ceramic frits for firing temperatures. Other products included: enamelling frits, fritted transparent glazes, prepared colored glazes (transparent or matted for faience and majolica), artistic, fancy glazes, luster glazes, colored or transparent porcelain enamels, vitreous enamels for sheet and cast iron, onglaze paints, underglaze paints, paints for unfired glazes, relief enamels, porcelain paints, glass paints, glass enamels, crystal ices, luster paints, glaze stains, stains for enamels on sheet and cast iron, prepared vitreous enamels for jewelry, copper, silver, gold and liquid gold.
6. The chief consumer of these products was the glass and porcelain industry in the Jablonec /N 50-43, E 15-11/ area. Chemapol planned to export 25,000,000 crowns worth of these products in 1953 to Area II - VI countries; three-fifths to go to Area V and VI.
7. The main raw products of the Central Bohemian Chemical Works were metal oxides, 25,000,000 crowns worth of which were to be imported in 1953 from Area IV - VII countries. The Czechoslovak National Bank appropriated gold and silver. A large portion of the Roudnice products were indirectly exported in the form of finished glass and porcelain products of the Jablonec industry.
8. The Roudnice plant had its own boiler furnace for brown coal. There was also a laboratory.
9. Security measures were the same as in other chemical plants. Production formulas were always classified secret.

Annexes:

- A. Location of the Central Bohemian Chemical Works, National Enterprise, Roudnice nad Labem
- B. [] Central Bohemian Chemical Works, National Enterprise

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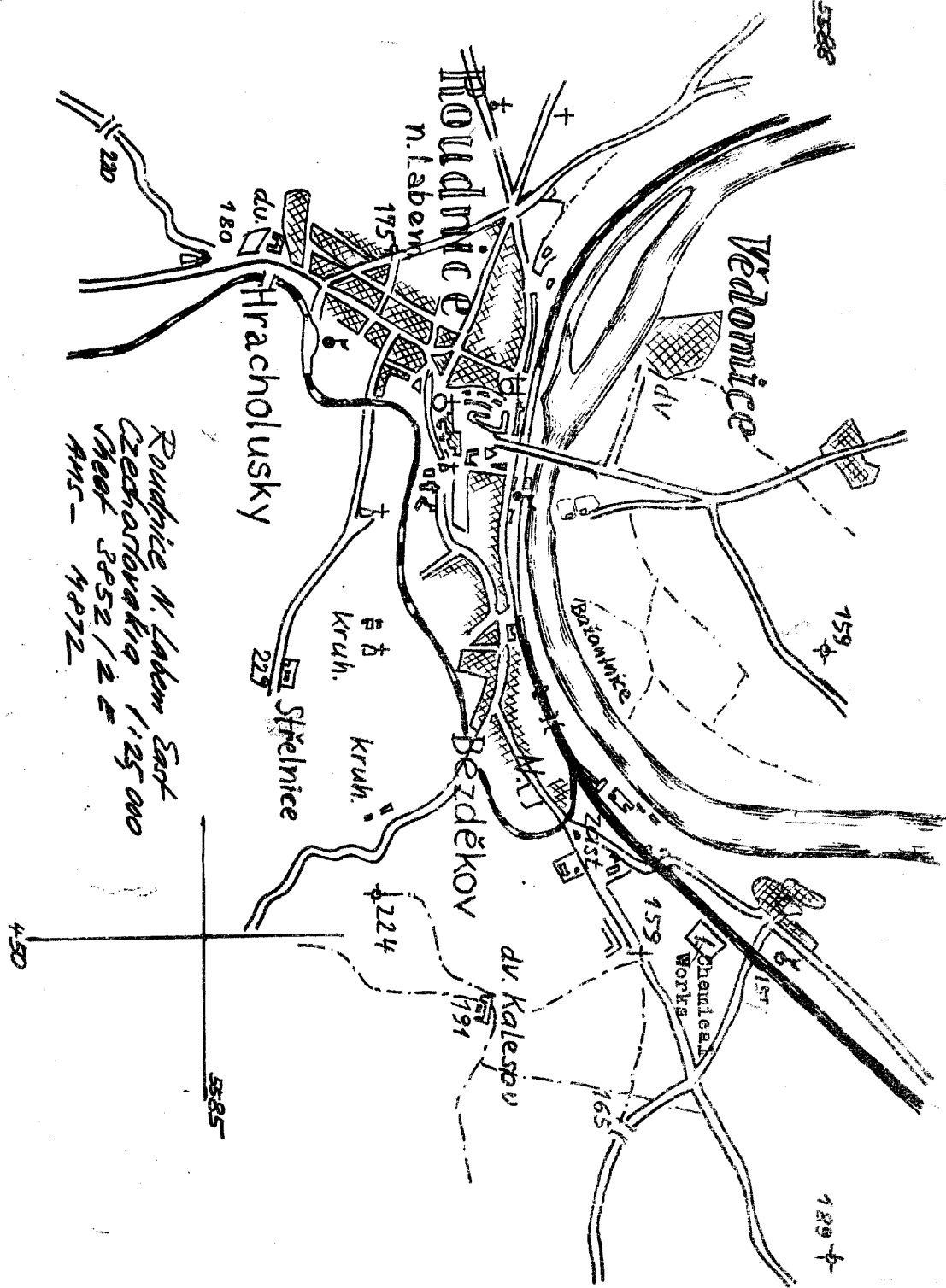
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Annex A. Location of the Central Bohemian Chemical Works, National Enterprise, Roudnice nad Labem



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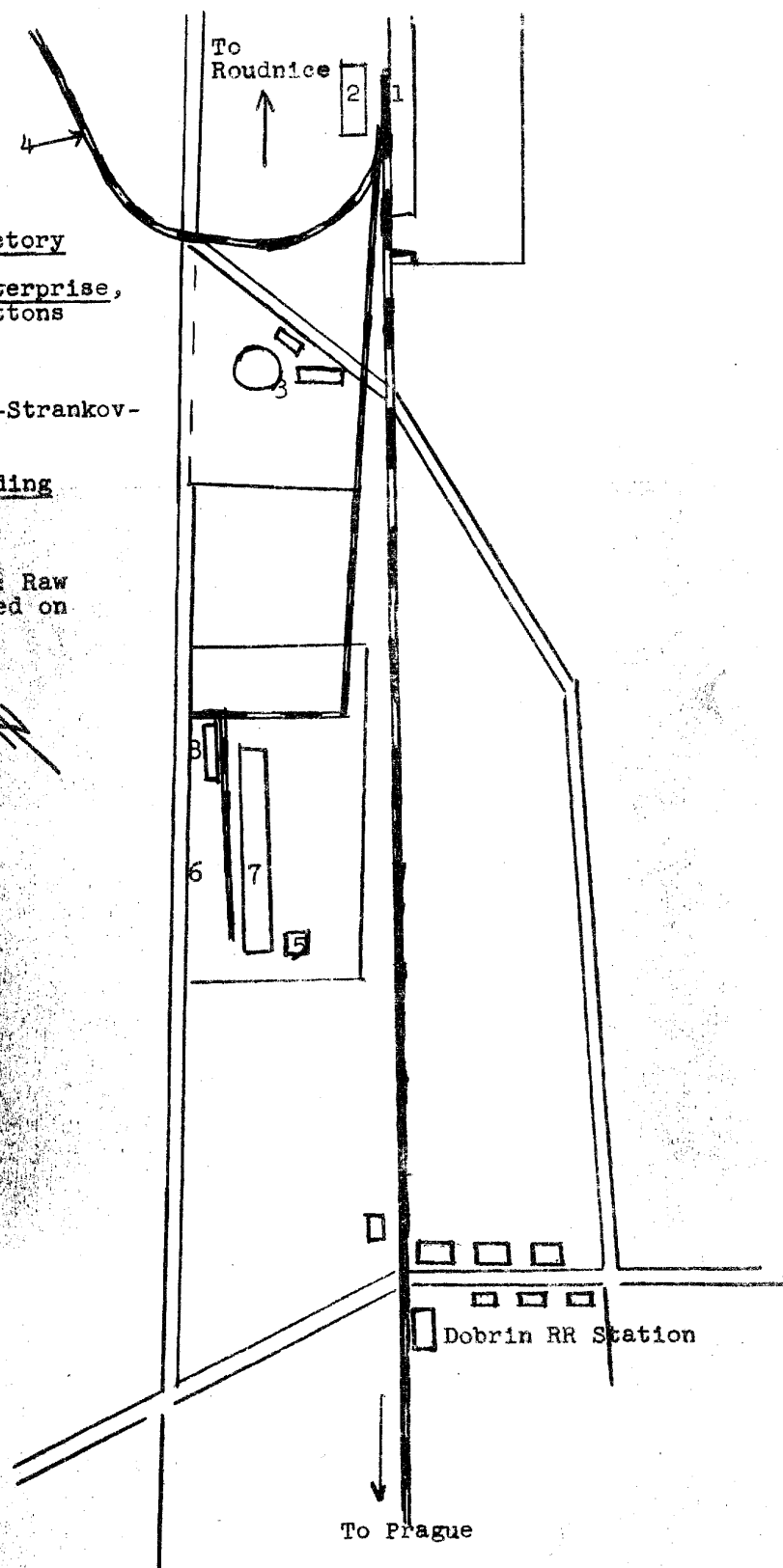
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Annex B. Central Bohemian Chemical Works, National
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1. Roudnice Alcohol Factory
2. Butonia National Enterprise, plant for making buttons
3. Roudnice Gas Works
4. Railroad: Roudnice-Strankov-Vodochody line
5. Administration Building
5. Gate Guard
7. Production Building: Raw materials were stored on the ground floor
8. Boiler & Furnace



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